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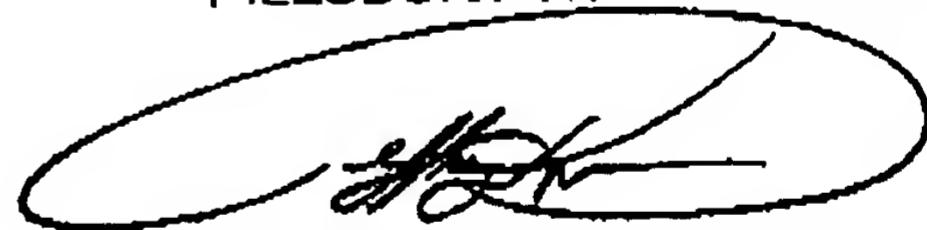
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Sir:

On January 13, 2005, Examiner George Bugg telephoned the undersigned to issue an oral Restriction Requirement for the above-captioned patent application. The Examiner identified the following distinct groups: (1) Group I, encompassing claims 1-2; (2) Group II, encompassing claims 3-6; (3) Group III, encompassing claims 7-12; (4) Group IV, encompassing claims 13-15; and (5) Group V, encompassing claims 16-18.

On January 18, 2005, we relayed to Examiner Bugg the Applicant's election of Group I, for further prosecution.

On January 25, 2005, during a further telephone conversation with Examiner Bugg, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, which was redefined to encompass claims 1-6.

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By my submission, the Applicant affirms that Group I, encompassing claims 1-3, was elected for further prosecution. Moreover, by this submission, the Applicant affirms that the non-elected Groups III-V, encompassing claims 7-18, are withdrawn from consideration, without prejudice to the subject matter encompassed thereby and without prejudice to the Applicant's right to a file divisional applications directed thereto.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not otherwise accounted for, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 and refer to Order No. 008312-305808.

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